

## POLITICS IN LINCOLN'S TIME

## Cassius M. Clay Forced the First Nomination of Honest Abe.

## NEW INCIDENTS OF THOSE DAYS

**Told in Speech Before Hamilton Club, Chicago—L  
organized Opposition to Seward Had No Can  
date—Ketuckian's Plea for a Man Who Would K  
That Section in the Union Prevailed.**

Chicago, Feb. 13.—New, and what arrived, he believed to be hitherto unpublished incidents concerning the politics which have surrounded the nomination of Mr. Proctor for president the first time, were told here today in an address before the Chicago Club by Mr. Proctor of St. Joseph, Mich., who believes himself the only surviving member of the famous "split rail" convention.

**How Clay's Influence Was Used.**

Mr. Proctor gave one man, Cassius M. Clay, credit for having secured his nomination for president the first time. "We were discussing matters in old Briggs house in Chicago, when Clay and his mountain men from western Kentucky came to the city," he said. "Clay was a man of most interesting personality, and he headed off the subject of the nomination."

"We are on the eve of a great war," began Mr. Clay, but he was of no use to the nomination, he said, and he smiled. The mountaineer looked sternly and continued:

"I know your plans are, and I am here to see them carried out."

When the convention opened, Mr. Seward's interests were in the hands of Thurston and were well organized. The opposition, of which the Greenbackers were the nucleus, was absolutely without organization. If a candidate is nominated on a platform the south will not vote against him, and the vote of the southern border extends from Maryland to Missouri, and on the whole the Union will be preserved. It is stated that the Union shall not be destroyed except after a most desperate struggle.

Mr. Seward makes a great difference to whom you nominate, thundered out tall Kentuckian, and it makes a more vital difference to us. Our

now or community of desire. To show how much without aim we were kept, Lincoln would have said to us within thirty hours of the time for balloting, answering a question as to whether we should unite upon to oppose Edward Bates.

"I think well of Edward Bates of Missouri; he is a strong man, and if I were one of the best we could nominate, I would nominate him."

Give Us Lincoln, Demanded Mr. Lincoln. "We call upon you to nominate Abraham Lincoln, who knows us, who understands our people, who has been with us, and we will push back the battle line from the Ohio river to Tennessee, and we will unite the entire North."

**Lincoln Lacking in Experience.**  
 "How about Lincoln?" we asked, and Greeley replied:  
 "While Mr. Lincoln is an ardent abolitionist, his lack of experience in public affairs, and while we are drifting toward a crisis do not believe the country will trust a man so lacking in experience in national affairs."

DEJECTED PROFESSOR	FOUND HER PARENTS
COMMITTS SUICIDE	AFTER 38 YEARS
F. J. Phillips of Nebraska Afraid He Would Become an Invalid.	San Francisco Woman Found The Vienna—They Had Sought Her
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 13.—F. J. Phil-	San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Mrs.

Phillips, professor of forestry at the Salsburg Forestry University, committed suicide at his home early this morning by inhaling gas. Professor Phillips left three letters, one of which was addressed to his wife, instructing her when to notify the police and the coroner. The other two letters were addressed to the chief of police and coroner.

Two weeks ago, Professor Phillips had been offered an assistant professorship in the chemistry department at the University of Michigan. He declined it on the advice of Chancellor Avery.

In his letters, Professor Phillips asserted that he had feared that he would soon become a constant burden on his family. He was thirty years of

In September, one Mrs. A. K. Denninger, formerly of Vienna, told him that she had been hired by her father Ignatz Low. The search was successful and on Saturday Mrs. Denninger received a long letter from her parents. Phillips immediately wrote a reply in vain for thirty-eight years. His father is a retired manufacturer of refrigerators at Budapest.

age and a graduate of the University of Michigan.

**EXPLOSIONS AT MANAGUA.**  
Accident in Ammunition Barracks in Grounds of President's Mansion.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 13.—A serious explosion occurred in the ammunition barracks in the grounds of the presidential mansion here this morning.

**FEAR FOR SCHOONER  
AND CREW OF N.**  
The Ella Goodwin Has Been Missing for Two Weeks and Probably Sailed Boston, Feb. 13.—Unreported for several weeks, the Gloucester fishing schooner Ella Goodwin, owned by the Gloucester Fishermen's Protective Association, is feared to have sailed for Boston, Feb. 13, without reporting.

**No Loss of Life.**  
Washington, Feb. 13.—Salvador Caswell, Nicaraguan minister to the United States, received a cablegram tonight from Salvador Cabezon, Nicaraguan minister to London, stating that the explosion in last week's storm. About a quarter of eight, a schooner, after sailing from Bay of Islands, was reported to have put up a Nova Scotian port, but cleared away within a few hours. Although the schooner was not sighted, it was believed to have been destroyed.

The cablegram, dated Managua, is as follows:

"This morning at six o'clock an explosion of government ammunition occurred in the barracks on the presidential mansion grounds. There was no loss of life. After the explosion much of the ammunition was saved."

**GUNBOAT MARIETTA  
ARRIVES FROM HONDURAS**

and moved to a place of safety. The explosion following the explosion has subsided and everything now is tranquil.

The government is now proceeding with deliberation to ascertain all the facts possible regarding the cause of the explosion, and to determine the plan of responsibility where it belongs. An important investigation will be

**REPORT SIXTY CHINESE.**

Authorities Pick Them Up in Texas and Send Them On.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 13.—Sixty

Chinese were deported from Texas last week. Five started from San Antonio, and four from El Paso. The first of the prisoners was picked up at El Paso and the others followed the coming of the prison train at El Paso. They traveled over the Southern Pacific railroad under guard and in cars especially constructed with barred windows and doors.

New York, Feb. 13.—James Whitcomb Riley, of Indiana, and Nicholas Murray Butler of New York have been selected members of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Membership is limited to a small number of the most conspicuous

**Visited "Big White Chief."**  
Washington, Feb. 13.—Thunder Bull, Prairie Chief, Red Bird, Wolf Chief, Sage, Big Pack, and six other leaders of the Arapahoe and Cheyenne warriors of American Indians, called at the White house today to shake hands

with the "Big White Chief". They had been frozen to death and others had had their hands amputated. While all the chief's people were already frost-bitten, none of the amputated was amputation to be necessary.

Christian Endeavor President, Yaleville, Feb. 13.—Martin

Dr. Clark, of the World's Christian Endeavour union, left Boston late today for Toronto, Canada, where he will attend the annual convention of the Ontario Christian Endeavour union. Several other provinces will be represented at the convention.